Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

	Minutes of 24 th meeting held on 26 th October 2006 Blampied Room, States Building
Present	Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman
	Senator J L Perchard, Vice-Chairman
	Connétable J L S Gallichan
	Connétable D Murphy

Apologies

In attendance	Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer
	Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

Deputy J Gallichan

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1.	Orchid Communications – The meeting with representatives of Orchid Communications was postponed until a later date, as a result of the States sitting overrunning. The Panel requested for the meeting to be rearranged.	MH
2.	Minutes – The Panel approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 26 th September; 28 th September; 29 th September; 5 th October and the 16 th October.	
3.	Matters arising –	
ltem 8b 28.09.06	a. The Panel noted that the subject of public sector pensions was on the future work programme of the Public Accounts Committee.	
ltem 3 28.09.06	b. Away Day: The Panel agreed that they would pay for their own lunch.	
Item 1 29.09.06	c. The Panel approved the payment of £3,000 plus disbursements of £37.20 for the report carried out by Mr. P. Seymour on GST and the sale of housing.	
4.	Current reviews –	
	The Panel received briefing papers for the GST and the Zero/Ten reviews, outlining the proposed continuation of work on these topics.	
	The Panel agreed that both reviews had had a positive impact, and that it was vital for them to be continued, with a view to presenting final reports in advance of the States debates on the draft legislation, both of which were scheduled for January 2007.	
5.	Future review topics –	
	a. Resource implications of the draft Freedom of Information Law – the Panel felt that this was a vital area which warranted investigation, however it was agreed that as the draft Law had been referred back to the Law draftsman for further consideration, it would not be viable to begin a review until the Panel had access to the latest version of the draft Law. The Panel therefore requested for a letter to be drafted to Connétable D.F. Gray, Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee, stating that the Panel would reassess this decision once they had received the	SP
	final legislation.	

	 States Business Plan – the Panel agreed that this was an important topic which it wanted to review to ensure that the process involved in producing the Annual States Business Plan was serving all States members well, and that all members had access to information at the correct time. The Panel agreed that it would conduct this review as a full Panel, and contact the other Scrutiny Panels to ask for input once the terms of reference had been drafted. C. Overseas Aid budget – the Panel considered the topic proposal form from Mr K. Daly and it was agreed that this was a vital area which needed to be reviewed. The Panel agreed to form a Sub Panel, chaired by Senator J.L. Perchard, to include Connétable J.L.S. Gallichan; Connétable D Murphy and Deputy J. Gallichan. The Panel also requested for Connétable S.A. Yates to be contacted to establish whether he would be interested in being a member of the Sub Panel. The Panel requested for the next full Panel meeting. 	мн SP
6.	Panel expenditure –	
	 a. The Panel noted the expenditure spreadsheet for the 3rd quarter and the beginning of the 4th quarter 2006. b. The Panel was informed that a document detailing the Panel's expenditure to date on the Adviser for the two Fiscal Strategy reviews would be provided at its next meeting. c. The Panel approved the proposed additional expenditure of £11,510 for the Zero/Ten and the GST reviews. 	
7.	Quarterly meeting with the Chief Minister –	
	The Panel proposed the following themes for discussion with the	
	Chief Minister at the public meeting on the 9 th November 2006: a. Developing Jersey's International personality	
	 b. Draft Freedom of Information Law 	
	c. Overseas aid	
	d. Progress with the proposed Citizens' Panel	
	e. Economic consequences of an ageing population	
	It was also agreed that there should be an opportunity for spontaneous questions on topical issues and that members of the public should be invited to forward questions to the Panel.	MH/SP
	The Panel requested for the Scrutiny Liaison Officer at the Chief Minister's Department to be contacted to inform the Chief Minister of the areas of discussion which would be raised at the meeting.	МН
	The Panel agreed that a meeting between the Chairman and Orchid Communications should be organised, to help publicise the meeting.	
8.	Population office –	
	The Panel received notes from the briefing between Deputy J. Gallichan; Deputy I. Gorst; and Mr P Bradbury on the 12 th October 2006.	
9.	Future meeting dates –	
	Thursday 9 th November 2006 (Blampied Room) –	
	9.00 am – Panel briefing (private session)	
	9.30 am – Public meeting with the Chief Minister	
	11.00 am – Panel meeting to discuss items to be raised at the joint	

	Scrutiny public meeting on the 23 rd November 2006.	
Signed	Date	
Chairman, C	Corporate Services Panel	